



Proclamation

Presented to the

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Department of Hawai'i & Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary (DAVA) Hawai'i

WHEREAS, the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), founded in 1920 by disabled veterans returning from World War I, is comprised exclusively of men and women wounded, gassed, injured or disabled in the line of duty during time of war, now has a 1.2 million membership; and in 1932, the DAV was congressionally chartered to serve as the official voice of the nation's wartime disabled veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary (DAVA) partnered with the DAV parent organization in 1922 to improve the quality of life for veterans; and the DAVA has remained a successful organization with nearly a quarter-million members and offers programs that include Americanism, Community Service, Junior Activities, Legislative and VA Voluntary Services; and

WHEREAS, the DAV Department of Hawai'i and the DAVA Hawai'i recognize the importance of America's veterans; and

WHEREAS, the DAV Department of Hawai'i and the DAVA Hawai'i are dedicated to building better lives for America's disabled veterans and their families and has continuously striven to meet their diverse needs; and

WHEREAS, the DAV Department of Hawai'i and the DAVA Hawai'i will host its 61st Annual DAV/DAVA State Convention at the Ala Moana Hotel from June 8, 2012 through June 10, 2012; in attendance will be:

- DAV Department of Hawai'i State Commander Joseph Penn;
- DAVA Department of Hawai'i State Commander Cheryl M. Kamihara;
- DAV Department of Hawai'i Department Adjutant Stephen J. Putnoki;
- DAV National Commander Donald L. Samuels;
- DAVA National Commander Patrice Rapisand; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives unanimously passed a resolution (H. Con. Res. 336), introduced by U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire, which specifies that one week each year should be established to honor America's heroes and draw attention to the unique challenges faced by disabled American veterans; and

WHEREAS, Disabled American Veterans Week pays tribute to the nearly three million disabled veterans in America and tens of thousands of veterans disabled from combat missions in areas such as Iraq and Afghanistan;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 3-9, 2012, as

"DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS WEEK"

in the State of Hawai'i, and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in honoring the men and women who have been injured in the line of duty for their selfless service to defend our freedoms.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, Hawai'i, this fourth day of June, 2012.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i